

Mobility Options

Regional Transportation
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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

Two Metropolitan Solutions

Flint and Grand Rapids Area

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- Flint's Mass Transportation Authority is organized under Act 55
- Grand Rapids' regional system is organized under Act 196
- Both have the ability to raise funds through property taxes
- Both systems have numerous partnerships to succeed as regional systems

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FLINT AREA

Background of Community Need

- Work trips
- Medical trips
- Education trips
- Support for Family Independence Agency/Michigan Works! Agency
- Federal Job Corp Program

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FLINT AREA

Response to Community Need Regional Transportation System

- Genesee County
- Oakland County
- Livingston County
- Saginaw County
- Lapeer County
- Northern Washtenaw

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FLINT AREA

Coordination of Transportation Service Schedules

- SMART
- LETS
- STARS
- MTA

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Grand Rapids Area

Community Need

- Work trips
- Medical trips
- Grand Valley State University
- Support for Family Independence Agency/Michigan Works! Agency
- Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce & The Right Place Needs

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Grand Rapids Area

Response to Community Need

Regional Transportation System

- Kent County
- Ottawa County
- Six City Transportation Authority
- Contracts with Urbanizing Townships

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Grand Rapids Area

- Currently no coordination of services
- Intermodal Facility being built to serve transit and intercity services
- Inter local agreements with several transit entities

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Grand Rapids Area

Preparing for a regional Future?

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The Grand Rapids Regional Future is described in a Vision Plan the Mobile Metro 2020

The Public Transportation Plan for the Grand Valley Metro Region

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The Rapid has made considerable progress on fulfilling the goals and objectives set forth in the MM2020 plan.

We are committed to using the MM2020 plan to guide future system growth and development.

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The Rapid's Future

The MM2020 vision calls for preparing for a major Public Transportation Investment in the region

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Great Transit Grand Tomorrows

Major Investment study being conducted



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The Challenge

Create Community Consensus for a Feasible and Sustainable Public Transportation System that Supports Growth and Revitalization of the Greater Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area

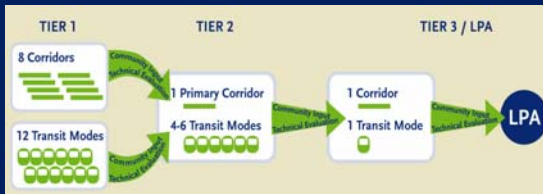


Great Transit Grand Tomorrows Study Area



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Alternatives Analysis



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Initial Corridors



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The Rapid's Major Corridor Analysis

- Only the first stage in a multi-stage process (approx two years)
- Second stage - Preliminary Engineering
- Third Stage – Final Design
- Finally Construction and implementation
- Total Years : 7- 15 years

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West Michigan Strategic Alliance



- No West Regional Plan exists
- Regional dreams being pushed by West Michigan Strategic Alliance for Muskegon, Holland and Grand Rapids "triplex" area

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Regional Transportation

What are the issues?

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Metropolitan Transit

Current Issues:

- Aging Population
- Increase in Passengers with Disabilities
- Movement of Population from City to Townships
- Safety Issues
- Cost of Service
- School or University Transportation
- Charter Schools
- School Districts Facing Financial Challenges

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Metropolitan Transit

- Increased Number of Passengers with Critical Medical Conditions
- Need for Equipment Improvements
- Liability Issues
- FIA and Michigan Works! Agencies Desire more Personalized Transportation
- 24 Hour Services for Job Related Needs
- Rising Health Care Costs
- Coordination between transit systems

Who pays?

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Funding of Service

Initial Support

- State of Michigan Regional Transportation Program
- Local Match
- Farebox Revenue

Current Support

- Federal Job Access/Reverse Commute Program
- State of Michigan Match
- Local Contribution
- Farebox Revenue

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

- Future Funding Support
- Local Contribution
- State Operating Match % \$?
- Farebox Revenue

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Regional Metropolitan Transit

Two successful implementations
based upon local plans
Where is the future going?
Yet to be determined...

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